

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROKI YOSHIDA )  
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: MULTI-BEAM SCANNING )      October 28, 2003  
          OPTICAL SYSTEM AND IMAGE  
          FORMING APPARATUS USING IT )

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under the International Convention and all rights to which he is entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

Japan 11-258784, filed September 13, 1999; and  
Japan 11-258785, filed September 13, 1999.

Certified copies of the priority documents were submitted in parent Application No. 09/658,664, to which Applicant claims domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



---

John D. Mihl  
Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 30,957

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

CA\_MAIN 71938 v 1